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MEMORANDUM

The Lebanese Government request the ex-Mufti of
Jerusalem to establish a似ay in the Lebanon
(Maktab)

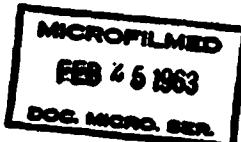
The attached report was provided by a regular and
extremely well-placed source who is in constant and
immediate contact with the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem.

Please see also our P/962 of the 12th of November 1953.

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LEBANON/JORDAN.

Political.

The Lebanese Government request the ex-Mufti of JERUSALEM
to shorten his stay in the Lebanon (7th December, 1953).

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1. On 6th December 1953, SALAH KREISHI, Private Secretary to the Lebanese Prime Minister, telephoned the offices of the Arab Higher Executive in BEIRUT and requested that a representative of the ex-Mufti of JERUSALEM, at that time on a visit to Syria, should travel at once to BEIRUT to see ~~MOUSSA~~ ^{MOUSSA} YAFI, the Lebanese Prime Minister.
2. The ex-Mufti duly sent one of his supporters to BEIRUT on 7th December 1953, with instructions to remind YAFI of the promise made by the President of the Lebanese Republic at the end of November, 1953, that the Lebanon would make regular payments to the BEIRUT office of the Arab Higher Executive.
3. In the meeting that took place in the Beirut on 7th December ^{MOUSSA} YAFI informed the ex-Mufti's representative that the Jordanian Government was concerned at the duration of HAJ AMIN's stay in the Lebanon, and in particular had complained to the Lebanese Minister in AMMAN of the ex-Mufti's campaign aimed at depriving the Jordanian armed forces of their British commanders. Complaints had also been received from Iraq and from "foreigners" (sic).
4. YAFI then told his visitor that he was entrusting him with a delicate mission - namely to request the ex-Mufti to shorten his stay in the Lebanon. YAFI added that he wished to avoid any unpleasantness, however, and that it might be possible for the ex-Mufti's representative to avoid raising the subject if he could discover whether or not ~~HASSAN~~ ^{HASSAN} intended to return soon to Egypt.³

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2. Hold comment.

Despite YAFI's request that the matter should not be raised if the ex-Mufti intended to leave the Lebanon shortly, there is no doubt that he will be fully informed of this interview by his supporters.

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